

PALMISANO SAMUEL J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PALMISANO SAMUEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

IBM CORPORATION, ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD

05/08/2012

Chairman of the Board

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

ARMONK, NY 10504

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2012 | | G | V 495 D \$ 0 | 286,155.1854 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2012 | | G | V 495 D \$ 0 | 285,660.1854 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 706 | I ⁽¹⁾ | daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | 260,693 | I ⁽¹⁾ | spouse |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 05/08/2012 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 286 | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 286 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PALMISANO SAMUEL J IBM CORPORATION ONE NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504 | X | | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

D. Cummins on behalf of S. J. Palmisano
05/09/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (4)

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Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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